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FROM

SUBJECT (Colonel) Frank ROESTL
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1. A report from Syria, Damascus, dated 21 February 1951 and evaluated B-3, set forth the following concerning Colonel Frank ROESTL, former German advisor to the Syrian Army who allegedly plans to reside in Paraguay.

2. According to this report, ROESTL was scheduled to sail from Beirut, Lebanon, on 8 March 1951 on the SS Isparta, en route to Genoa, Italy, where he plans to leave his family and then go to Paraguay. After he has established himself in Paraguay, he will send for his family.

3. The Syrian Army is anxious to get ROESTL out of the country, claiming that a recent search of his premises produced "incriminating evidence." The Army has hinted that it considers ROESTL to be an American agent, source reports.

4. ROESTL, who told sources that the Syrians uncovered nothing damaging during their search, has submitted a claim for indemnities for breach of contract and damages for papers taken by the Syrian Government from his apartment.

5. In the event that ROESTL does arrive in Paraguay, headquarters will forward background information on him.

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